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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ALLOW TEACHERS TO USE  
PURCHASING CARDS WHEN PURCHASING SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND OTHER  
RELATED CURRICULUM SUPPORT SUPPLIES.

1 WHEREAS, a shortage of school supplies for the classroom  
2 and funds to purchase the supplies has been an ongoing problem  
3 for many years; and  
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5 WHEREAS, in addition to investing in school facilities,  
6 other important needs such as textbooks, computers, equipment,  
7 supplies, and necessary services are not funded adequately; and  
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9 WHEREAS, teachers often use their personal resources to  
10 purchase much-needed classroom and instructional supplies; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the State Procurement Office manages the  
13 purchasing card program, which is designed to streamline the  
14 State and county government's small purchase and payment  
15 process; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the purchasing card program replaces the laborious  
18 and costly purchase order system by allowing employees to charge  
19 small purchases from vendors using a purchasing card without  
20 having to prepare a purchase order; and  
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22 WHEREAS, currently, only principals and a few other  
23 specified individuals are authorized to use purchasing cards;  
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26 WHEREAS, allowing teachers, by request, to use purchasing  
27 cards will streamline the process by which teachers can purchase  
28 necessary supplies and other related curriculum support supplies  
29 and eliminate the time required to obtain a product and the time  
30 lag for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the  
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
4 Education is requested to allow teachers to use purchasing cards  
5 or declining balance purchasing cards when purchasing school  
6 supplies and other related curriculum support supplies; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
9 requested to develop policies and procedures related to the use  
10 of purchasing cards or declining balance purchasing cards by  
11 teachers for the purpose of purchasing school supplies and other  
12 related curriculum support supplies, as deemed appropriate by  
13 the school's academic and financial plans; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
17 Education.  
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